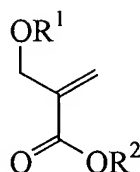


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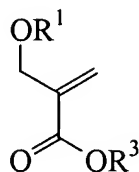
1. (Currently Amended) An alicyclic methacrylate having an oxygen substituent group on its α -methyl group, represented by the general formula (1):



(1)

wherein R^1 is hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms that is optionally interrupted by one or more from the group consisting of halogen atom, oxygen, alkoxy, carbonyl group, carboxyl group and cyano group, or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more from the group consisting of ~~which may contain a~~ halogen atom, hydroxyl group, alkoxy ~~ether bond,~~ carbonyl group, carboxyl group ~~or~~ and cyano group, and R^2 is a monovalent organic group of 3 to 20 carbon atoms having an alicyclic structure.

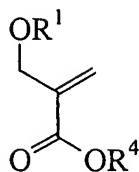
2. (Currently Amended) An alicyclic methacrylate having an oxygen substituent group on its α -methyl group, represented by the general formula (2):



(2)

wherein R^1 is hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms that is optionally interrupted by one or more from the group consisting of halogen atom, oxygen, alkoxy, carbonyl group, carboxyl group and cyano group, or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more from the group consisting of ~~which may contain a~~ halogen atom, hydroxyl group, alkoxy ~~ether bond~~, carbonyl group, carboxyl group ~~or~~ and cyano group, and R^3 is a tertiary alkyl group of 4 to 20 carbon atoms having an alicyclic structure.

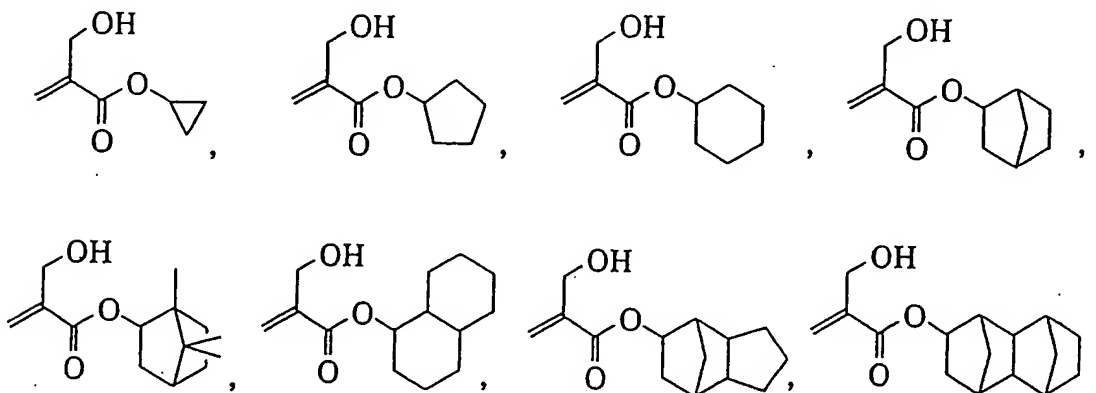
3. (Currently Amended) An alicyclic methacrylate having an oxygen substituent group on its α -methyl group, represented by the general formula (3):

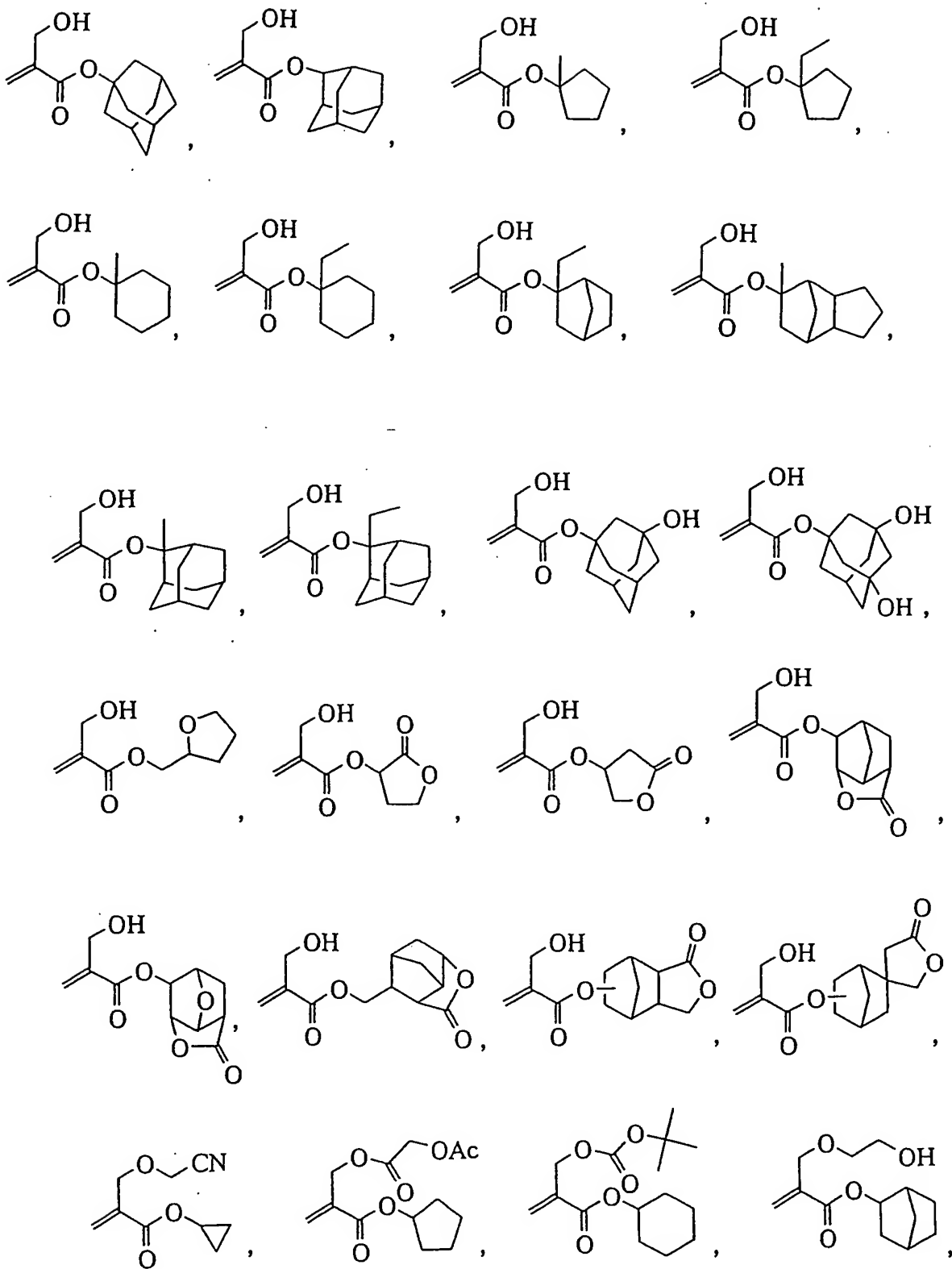


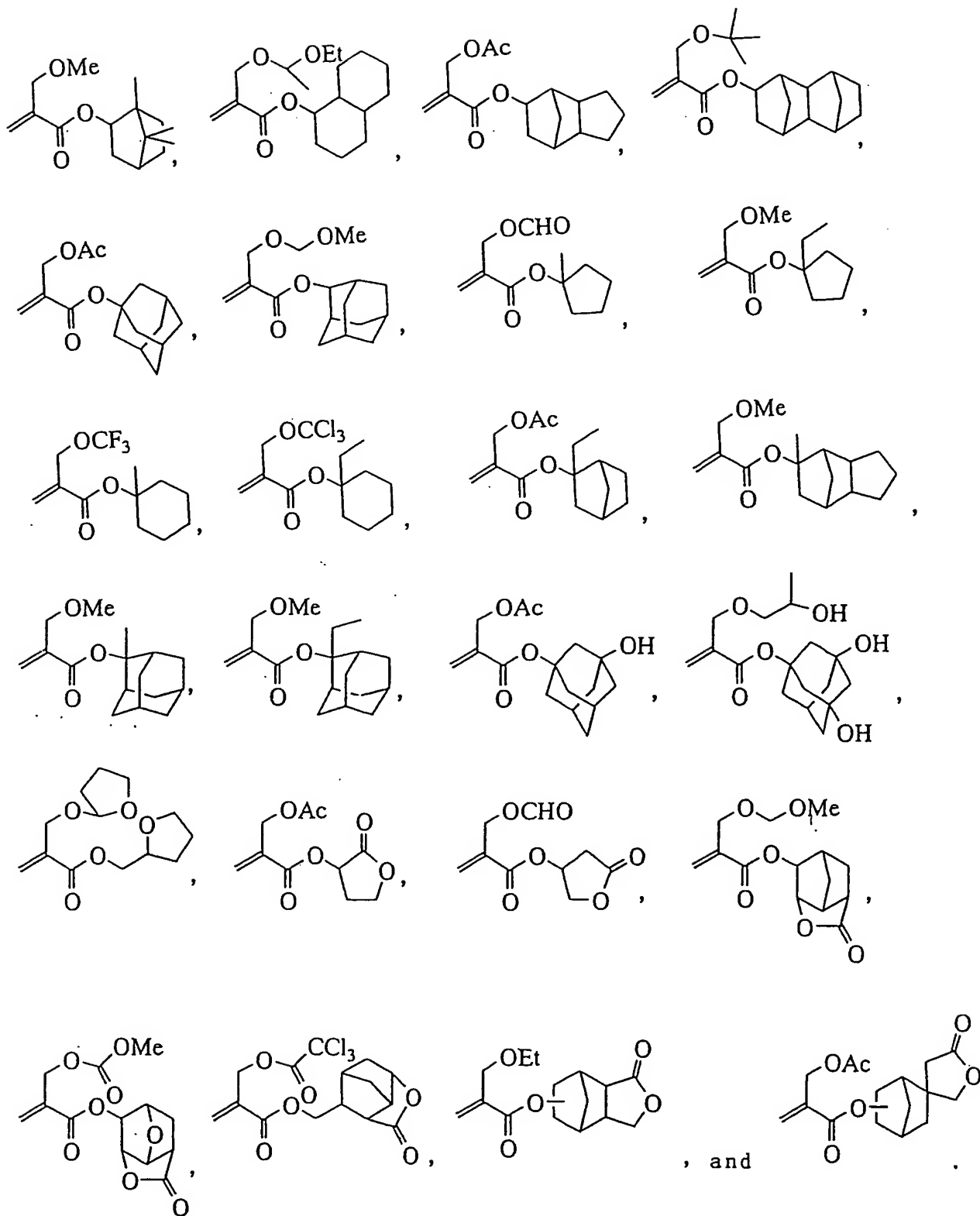
(3)

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms that is optionally interrupted by one or more from the group consisting of halogen atom, oxygen, alkoxy, carbonyl group, carboxyl group and cyano group, or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more from the group consisting of ~~which may contain a~~ halogen atom, hydroxyl group, alkoxy ~~ether bond~~, carbonyl group, carboxyl group ~~or~~ and cyano group, and R⁴ is an organic group of 4 to 20 carbon atoms having a lactone structure.

4. (New) An alicyclic methacrylate having on its α-methyl group an oxygen substituent group selected from the group consisting of







5. (New) The alicyclic methacrylate of claim 1 wherein in Formula (1) the alkoxy is from 1-2 carbon atoms.

6. (New) The alicyclic methacrylate of claim 2 wherein in Formula (2) the alkoxy is from 1-2 carbon atoms.

7. (New) The alicyclic methacrylate of claim 3 wherein in Formula (3) the alkoxy is from 1-2 carbon atoms.